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MATRIMONIAL.
BARTON-WHEDDELL.—December 29, at St. Mark's Church, Warwick, Queensland, by the Rev. T. W. Ramm, Henry Francis Parson, Master in Equity, and Mr. Walter G. Gillie, F.R.C.S., Surgeon. The bride, Miss Walter G. Gillie, daughter of Mr. Walter WheddeLL, of Wanscotebury, New South Wales.

BONINGTON-BEVERLEY.—January 10, at St. Saviour's Church, Peterborough, by the Rev. Mr. Frederick Goss and others, County Limerick, Ireland, to Mary Beverley, Lower Portmarnock, widow of Rev. Mr. Bradley, Lower Portmarnock, son of John Palmer, Esq., of Surryville, Lower Portmarnock, and wife of Rev. Mr. Bradley, Lower Portmarnock.

PALMER-HODGES.—Jane 18, 1888, at Bath, Mrs. Palmer, Lower Portmarnock, widow of Rev. Mr. Bradley, Lower Portmarnock, son of John Palmer, Esq., of Surryville, Lower Portmarnock, and wife of Rev. Mr. Bradley, Lower Portmarnock.

MARSH.—January 11, at St. Saviour's, Peterborough, the beloved son of Mr. Joseph Marsh, aged 22 years.

MAGLIE.—At his sister's residence, Potts Hill, Elgin, Neptune, and 25 miles from Melbourne, after a long absence, and 12 months to return home. May she rest in peace. In- served by her sister Nellie.

Death.
ELDON.—October 17, George Thomas, lamented son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon, of Wootton, Hampshire, England. For information apply to J. Mavor, 18 Old Portsmouth-road, Forest Lodge, or house at number 18.

FAIRFIELD.—January 10, 1889, at her residence, Roseville, Mrs. Christian Fairfield, aged 68 years, widow of Charles Henry Fairfield, artist.

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Memoriam.
ARTHUR.—In loving memory of my dear baby, W. T. Arthur, who died January 1, 1888, aged 8 months and 8 days.

She was a bright, healthy, and happy child, with friend-like care,

The last to Paradise converted,

And left us blossoms there.

—Entered by his wife, J. G. Arthur, Esq.,
Esq., late of Adelphi.

BOW.—In memory of my dear father, Charles Bow, who died at Bassa Dombo, Paraguay, on the 1st of January, 1887. Inserted by his loving daughter, M. A. Lever.

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OUR FIJI LETTER.

JAN. 2.

The Legislative Council, opening their quarterly session early in the past month, has had an unusually protracted sitting. The *pétés de résistance* occupied the major portion of time has been an Amending Act relating to the introduction and employment of Polynesian labourers. The new Act, which has not yet been made public, is to come into force at an early date, annulling all former legislation on the subject. It is understood to direct all stages from commissioning agents to recruit labourers, to the landing them again in their homes after completion of indented term of service. In 1874 the Provincial Government established by Sir Hercules Robinson adopted the Queensland regulations, relating to the engagement of Polynesian labourers, and those remained in force until 1877. Sir Arthur Gordon put his previous hand to the "Employments of Migratory Act." This ordinance contained in all 151 clauses; and by each succeeding Administration has been revised and altered by repealing or adding to the clauses thereof, until it may well be doubted if taken as a whole the nine ordinances remaining in force are capable of legal or logical interpretation.

The draft of the new ordinance contains 164 clauses, and ends with schedules of some 20 forms, devised to cover every probable contingency which might arise from first engagement of the labourers to their return home, and to prevent them from being freed from their indenture before completion of the term of service.

An amending "Migrant and Servants' Act" has also been passed during this present session, which prohibits the employment, of any native servant (within the colony) for a longer period than one year, and provides a penalty of £25 for their engagement except under legal indenture, for a longer period than one month.

As is all other ordinances hitherto passed within the colony relating to the employment of coloured labourers, the penalties which may be incurred by the master are calculated on the maximum scale, and the punishment for the servant on the minimum. The most serious offence, short of one which would necessarily entail criminal prosecution by the police authorities, is punishable only by imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two months, a penalty the extreme of which would be imposed upon a master as disgraceful, while a short sentence would be simply a matter of joke whether his hard labour was ordered or otherwise. Another ordinance passed prohibits the "use or possession of intoxicating liquors" by Indian immigrants, under penalty of £10. In contrast thereto, the *Sieve Times* published extracts from finance returns of the West Indian colony, Trinidad, showing that the colys drink bill returned to revenue in 1887 some £18,000 to £20,000. There is some doubt whether the colys population in this colony consumes any large quantity of spirits or other intoxicating articles, but there can be no doubt, if the use of intoxicating liquors is to be prohibited to the Fijian race, it must be made illegal for Indian colys, whether he be a housed bawler or not, to have spirits of any kind.

During his month's stay, His Excellency has made a tour to windward in the s.s. Southern Cross. Robert says the chief object of his visit was to deal with a tribal dispute in respect to the ownership of certain lands on the Island of Tavuni, province of Cakaudrove.

It is announced that our Chief Justice, the Hon. Fielding Clarke, is to proceed to Hongkong at an early date, there to take up promotion as Justice of the Court. Those who should know highly of Mr. Judge Clarke's abilities as a clever able lawyer, and a painstaking judge, and will wish him good promotion. To the tax-payers of this struggling colony, however, it does seem most unfair that Judge Clarke should thus depart within a few weeks after return from the court of his native land. T. P. Thomas, our chief prosecutor with prayers, or, rather, he did not until his attention was called to the fact that he had omitted this necessary function. Before commencing business, some discussion arose as to the legality or desirability of people holding other offices being eligible for the bench, which after a few minutes' discussion was postponed. The usual routine was being proceeded with. According to custom, the returning magistrates were put up for re-election, but on calling for a show of hands the motion was negatived by 40 to 33, consequently the sitting magistrates were declared out. Stephen Christian was then proposed as Chief Magistrate for the ensuing year, and there being no other candidate, he was declared duly elected. Mr. Christian came into office on the 1st January, for the first time for two years ago, as the representative of what is called the "Old Pitsford" party, at a most critical period in the community's history, when the Island was placed under offer to the New South Wales Government. During his two years' tenure of office he fought tooth and nail for the preservation intact of the community, and he had the intense gratification of hearing his Excellency Lord Carrington announce to the assembled people, amidst boundless applause, during his visit last April, that the integrity of the community should be preserved. He now returns to office "honoured above all men," for he is now the first Chief Magistrate in the annals of the colony.

In addition to the above, the freight bill included, run, mileage, traps, fruit, &c., and the cargo, a full one, is stated as being of the highest value yet leaving Fiji in a single bottom.

In the trade there is neither arrival nor departure of any sailing vessel to note.

Some heavy parcels have been sent away by express to Melbourne, Auckland, and your port, the Ganga. I understand, will this trip take over 200 miles of steamer coasts. Owing to the low price of sailing vessels are now running in a ship of a size, and the most popular fare is £10 per month.

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most made in the papers must be verified on each." Whatever deviation, or apparent deviation, therefore, there may have been afterwards, there can be no doubt that this principle, laid down at the beginning of the inquiry, was a right one; and a Commission is supposed to use its judgment as to what is "fit and proper" to its procedure. To this Commission was granted power "to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documents as you may deem expedient;" but this clearly does not refer to criticism upon evidence. What would be granted is an inch of privilege in one case might be granting an all of license in another.

The Mines Department also makes complaint that it was not permitted to cross-examine witnesses. It would seem that there are some misconceptions abroad regarding the functions of a Royal Commission. It has no power to enforce penalty or reward. It is not a court of law, and no body and no individual that comes before it is on trial in the ordinary sense of the term. Before it is no place for special pleading; and from it there are only due conclusions based upon investigation and recommendations. The Commission is expected to certify what it shall find "touching the provinces," the premises in this case being "to make a diligent and full inquiry into certain allegations which have been made respecting the construction of public tanks and wells." The Mines Department accuses the Commission of unfitness, and says it has departed from the uses of all previous Commissions. It by implication, if not by plain statement, complains that the evidence was distorted; and yet, even from the errors it has pointed out in the revised evidence as published by the Commission, it is hard to see where there is any particular cause for protest. The alleged mistakes are trivial. With the detailed criticism which the Mines Department has seen fit to publish we have nothing to do here. It would be impossible for us to weigh it. The Commission visited, as they were required to do, many of the public works referred to in the charges and in the evidence, and we have no reason to suppose that they were either than diligent and faithful in inquiry and observation. They have decided that the mass of the charges made against the Works Department are not well founded. If Royal Commissions are to be respected at all, we can see no reason for doubting the quality and the fairness of this one. They are liable to be mistaken in their judgment, but we fail to see that this one has been in any material sense unjust. The members of it could have no personal ends to serve, and they certainly were not mixed up with either Department. The recommendation of the Commission, that the Public Works Department should not only construct but select sites, is one way out of present difficulties; but it will not be, we fear, even if acted upon, effective unless both Departments are determined upon pursuing a policy of give and take. So long, however, as the Mines Department holds the view that, according to the Act of 1884, the power of construction belongs to it, and should be granted to it, friction must be expected despite all inquiry. We believe the reading of the clause to be a strained one, or, if not so, at least one which was not intended by the framers of the Act. The matter should be finally settled at once, and this reign of recrimination ended.

The Victorian Government has taken advantage of the easier money market to raise a new loan forthwith in London. But a few weeks back it seemed doubtful whether the monetary conditions would admit of the offer of the stock with any prospect of a satisfactory result. But the reduction of the Bank rate from 5 to 4 per cent, and the greater abundance and cheapness of money in the open market has cleared the way for the new operation. That it will be successful there seems no room for doubt. The rise of 1 to 2 per cent in the value of Australian securities within the past fortnight indicates that, notwithstanding the adverse criticism to which Australian borrowing has been subjected even by so eminent an authority as Mr. Giffen, capitalists regard them with increasing favour; and we may, therefore, look with confidence for a sum considerably over par for the stock now to be issued. If £103 is obtained, the result must be regarded as gratifying indeed. The present is the first issue of a 3½ per cent loan by the Victorian Government; Queensland having anticipated her in following the lead of New South Wales with this description of stock. We are glad to see that the Victorian Government has not been induced to accept the advice given to float the loan at 3 per cent. Experience has shown that investors do not like stock floated at a rate at which they can only afford to give about 2½% for every £100 of stock. The Victorian Government doubtless closely watched the disastrous results of our first 3½ per cent issues. They continued their borrowings at 4 per cent, getting better results on every occasion than New South Wales, although the credit of this colony at that time was rather the better. The value of Australian securities generally having risen so that 3½ per cent. are bringing fully par, Victoria wisely now takes advantage of the new conditions to float her loan at this rate. The amount of the loan is quite large enough. The Government has done well to decline the suggestions made by interested persons to borrow a still larger amount, with the avowed object of easing the money market in the colony. Too large borrowing is an incitement to too free spending. Victoria, by pursuing a comparatively moderate loan policy, has strengthened her credit materially in the London market during the last few years, and it would be a great mistake now to launch out again on a more extravagant career.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Works has reported against the proposed bridge across Middle Harbour at the Spit. It concludes that the requirements of traffic at that point will be met for many years to come by means of a steam punt. The agitation for a bridge at the Spit has been going on for

seven or eight years, and in 1888

£20,000 was placed on the Loan Estimates for it. The Committee does not find, however, that the reasons urged for the construction of the bridge are entirely conclusive. It does not incline to the belief that the bridge would be the means of increasing settlement at this point in Middle Harbour; it conceives that a low-level structure such as the one proposed would impede the present water traffic in the harbour; and it estimates that the expenditure would hardly be justified, considering that the bridge would not yield a revenue as would a steam punt, while the latter would be almost as convenient, properly run. It is proposed to put on a steam punt at once. We think the decision of the Committee is a right one. We have urged before that traffic in Middle Harbour should not be impeded by a low-level bridge. We have also contended that bridging the harbour should begin at North Shore, not at Middle Harbour. The time will come when there will be a North Shore bridge, and when it does come the question of the Spit bridge will be more relevant. If the Spit bridge would give direct overland passage to Sydney there would be argument for it, but the chief of the petitions for it have been based upon the inconvenience caused by the uncertain, slow, and badly-managed punt services in use. The residents at Middle Harbour and between North Shore and Manly are entitled to prompt and convenient communication, and if a good steam punt is put on this ought to be secured. There is no reason why the service should not be as prompt as that between Circular Quay and North Shore. This kind of communication will be more easily maintained, and it will be much less expensive, than a bridge. We are beginning to see the value and use of the Committee on Public Works. It is not to be supposed that if this matter had been decided by vote in Parliament there would have been the thorough investigation that the Committee instituted. By the existence and action of the Committee much saving will be effected for the country, and a wiser administration of public works will be established.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Our fortnightly summary of news to be dispatched by the Orient Company's steamer *London* is published this morning. As usual it contains a digest of the general political, social, religious, commercial, mining, sporting, and shipping news of the births, marriages, and deaths for the same period. The mail for newspapers will close at 1.30 o'clock, and the mail for letters at 3 p.m. There will be a supplementary mail on Friday.

Wicks the Legislative Council met yesterday afternoon. Mr. Simpson communicated to the House the names of the new Ministry, and a motion was agreed to suspending such of the Standing Orders as would preclude the passing of a Temporary Supply Bill through all its stages in one day. After some slight opposition on the part of Mr. Dangar, the House agreed to adjourn until 8 p.m., at which hour the Supply Bill was expected from the Assembly; but as the measure had not then been forwarded, and there was no prospect of receiving it that evening, the Council adjourned until the following day.

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The meetings of the Local Option League this year are organized on a large scale. All members of Parliament from all houses, without distinction of party, are invited to breakfast at the Town Hall, as well as a large number of the citizens. The annual dinner will be the annual meeting at the Temperance Hall. In the evening the Mayor will occupy the chair at a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, when Sir Henry Parkes is expected to address an audience of 2,000 persons.

By permission of the officers commanding the band of the Second Regiment, the following programme will be performed in the Hyde Park pavilion on Saturday next at 3.30 p.m.—March, "Les Petits Postillons," Jager, "Le Roi des Embryons," Embury, "La Reine de Bagdad," "Boudin," "Boudin," "William Tell," Rosini.

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The members of the Royal Commission of South Australia appointed to inquire into the question of a State Bank and Mint were favoured with an interview yesterday with the Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr. McElhone, who had been elected leader of the Opposition. That gentleman had formed a Government, and was only waiting for supply to be sworn in and enter upon the Government of the country. It would be in the best interests of the country to allow the new Government to come into office in a regular way. If supply was not granted great injury would be done.

Mr. Copeland said he could add nothing to what Sir Henry Parkes had said upon the constitutional aspect of the question, but he contended that the new Government had not fair play,

and he intended to consider this matter.

While Mr. Copeland was speaking a scene occurred, which at first seemed likely to lead to a serious disturbance. Mr. Wise made some interjections in reply to Mr. Copeland's arguments, at which Mr. McElhone took umbrage, and made a remark to Mr. Wise which that gentleman characterized as a gross insult, and said that if Mr. McElhone repeated it outside he would horsewhip him. Some confusion arose, and Mr. Wise stepped half-way across the chamber to ascertain Mr. McElhone, but several house members intervened. Mr. Speaker told the hon. member for the Upper Hunter that he must withdraw the offensive remark, and apologize to the House for having used it. This Mr. McElhone did, first with a qualification, and then, upon being again appealed to by Mr. Speaker, without reiteration, withdrew his remark. Mr. McElhone, whom was the Premier, was surrounded by Mr. Wise, apparently sympathizing with him in the painful position in which he had been placed.

We trust the House adjourned after dinner. Mr. Copeland mentioned his remarks. He pointed out that Sir John Robertson took office last time, Mr. Abbott on the motion for declaring the acts of the new Government vacant, moved an amendment to the effect that they did not possess the confidence of the House. That motion was rejected, and Mr. Abbott afterwards expressed regret that he had moved it. Mr. Frank Smith, in support of the amendment, repeated his remarks to the effect that two-thirds of the House were freethinkers, and ought not to have a protectionist Ministry forced upon them. Mr. Wall, on the contrary, contended that, as the other side had been defeated, his side should be allowed to form a Government. Mr. Wise, who followed, denied that the effect of the amendment was to refuse Supply, but that if the amendment were not carried, it would be impossible to introduce any of the large valuable works that were so urgently required. If a dissolution were to take place, an opportunity of letting the Governor know their views. Mr. Buchanan spoke at some length, severely criticizing the hon. gentlemen who supported that amendment. The debate was continued by Messrs. Ewing, Seaver, Malville, Neild, Abigail, Hassall, Tomlin, Moore, O'Sullivan, and Waddell. Mr. Burns then replied and defended himself against any aspersions that had been cast upon him in regard to the Hornsby-road. At a quarter to 1 o'clock a division was taken and the motion to omit the words of the original motion was carried by 41 to 38. The motion to insert the words of the amendment was carried by 47 to 30.

On the motion for the adoption of the resolution as amended there was no division, and it was carried on the voice. When the adjournment of the House was moved, Mr. McMillan made an attack upon the Minister for Mines, in reference to the Mountain Maid Mine. Mr. Abigail replied, defending himself against the charges. Mr. De County Brown and Mr. Tonkin spoke, but the debate had not concluded when we went to press.

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THE APPROACHING DEPARTURE OF SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON.

ADDRESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

An address was presented to his Excellency Sir William Robinson, at a meeting of the Executive Council on the 1st January. His Excellency replied orally, expressing his warm thanks to Ministers for their kindness, and his pleasure at the friendly and cordial relations he has had.

He was asked to think upon the feelings of mutual respect and confidence which had always existed between his Ministers and himself. The following is a copy of the address:

"To his Excellency Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, Your Excellency.—On the occasion of the expiration of your Excellency's term of office, we, your Excellency's Ministers, desire to express the sincere regret with which, in view of our intended departure from South Australia, we wish you farewell. Your conduct in the discharge of your vice-regal functions has exhibited regard for the responsibilities of your high office as the representative of her most Gracious Majesty, which always commanded the greatest respect. In addition, your keen appreciation of the duties of Minister, and your invariable courtesy, made our relationship with your Excellency as your constitutional advisers of a most pleasing character, and secured our esteem and personal regard. In leaving this province you carry with you our best wishes for your future success, and, in the esteem of the people of South Australia, in your welfare, we trust. Your Excellency has again signed the most lively endorsement, again wishing your Excellency farewell, &c. The address was signed by all the Ministers.

The following is a copy of a letter from Mr. Bray, Speaker of the Assembly, and the Hon. Sir John Doveton, K.C.M.G., ex-Premier of South Australia, to his Excellency:—Adelaide, January 11, 1889. Sir.—As Premiers in office during the greater portion of your Excellency's residence in South Australia, we wish you your Excellency's consistent desire to aid us with your advice and experience, and we beg to express our sense of the advantage thus afforded us. To what Government your Excellency may be called we are unknown, but we hope that Government may be, we may congratulate its Ministers on receiving amongst them one so thoroughly acquainted with the duties of government of a colony with responsible government, and its people on having a chief who is in every respect so eminently fitted to fill that position."

The reply of Sir W. Robinson was as follows:— "Dear Mr. Bray,—I thank both you and Sir John Downer for the kind thought which prompted you to express to me your appreciation of my administration during the periods that you respectively held office with me as Premier of South Australia. It certainly cannot be said that the harmony and friendship which always existed between us was maligned by the avoidance of discussion where differences of opinion might be expected to arise, but rather, as I like to believe, by the recognition of constitutional functions and responsibilities on both sides; and you may be assured that, whenever my lot may be cast, I will do my best to secure the continuance of my period of service in South Australia, and a hearty vote of gratitude for the loyal and cordial support invariably extended to me by Sir John Downer and myself during the time that we were associated in the administration of the Government. Yours sincerely, Wm. C. F. ROBINSON."

DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS HENTY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Francis Henty expired at his residence at Kew last night, aged 73 years. He was the survivor of a family of brothers who were the first settlers at Port Phillip, being the youngest son of Mr. Thomas Henty, of Sussex. About the year 1833 Thomas Henty, with some of his family, amongst whom was his son Francis, came to Melbourne. The latter had been born in England in 1820. Francis followed his brother to Port Phillip in 1834. In the following year about the middle of September, he took up the Yarra and helped him to pitch a tent at Batman's Hill. Edward and Francis joined forces, and fed stock near Port Phillip for about three years. In 1836 Major Mitchell arrived there from Sydney, and told of the rich country on the Wannon River, where the brothers subsequently settled, at Merino Downs station, which was the property of Francis till his death. In 1835 he joined the firm of James Henty and Co., merchants of Melbourne. That business has been carried on since then on his account. Francis was the youngest of a family of nine, the only survivor being a sister, widow of the late Samuel Bryan, who resides at Richmond, and is in her 84th year. Francis was a married man. His only son died a young man, and three daughters, only one of whom is married, survive.

THE WRECK OF THE BENAN.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

The cutter Gipsey has arrived at Caravon, bringing particulars of the wreck of the new vessel Benan of Point Clotes. The captain of the Benan states that the vessel left Cardiff for Hongkong on September 28, with coal. On the 23rd of last month land was sighted five miles off Cape Parquay. The vessel was 18 miles off the land, and a fresh southerly breeze was blowing. At 8 o'clock in the evening the ship struck on a reef with all sail set, and was totally wrecked. The lifeboat was lowered, and the crew, numbering 28, got in. After suffering great privations they managed to reach land four days later. They remained there till the 6th instant, when the Gipsey took them on board, and brought them to Caravon. An inquiry into the wreck will be had on Friday next.

The thermometer was 101° in the shade yesterday. The weather is still warm and dry. Rain is wanted.

COUNTRY NEWS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)
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At a meeting of the Bathurst Council to-night it was decided to rescind the resolution naming the old road railway Daley Park, and call it Macleath Park, after the late Dr. Richard Macleath. Considerable dissatisfaction was caused in the city over the name Daley Park, hence the change. A large number of ratepayers in the hall showed their approval of the name selected by applauding.

BOURKE, WEDNESDAY.

The heat during the past week has been very great. On Saturday it was 114 in the shade, on Sunday 115, Monday 117, and Tuesday 112, and to-day it was 113. The river has risen about 2ft, and will have the effect of purifying the water for the town supply, which previously was very bad.

The following names have been published as likely candidates at the next general election:—A. J. Gray, protectionist; Willis, protectionist; Weddell, fair-trader; H. Kelly, protectionist; R. Macleath, protectionist; Hogan, and W. Davis, protectionists. The protectionists are confident of securing at least one seat, and intend to try hard for both. The Bourke district is now entitled to three members, but it is not known whether three will be allowed this time.

The weather is cloudy and the sky cloudy. Rain is threatening.

CARCOAR, WEDNESDAY.

A thousand acres of grass have been burnt. A few days ago bush fires were raging in the neighbourhood of Garland, and several miles of fencing were destroyed.

The weather is cooler, with prospects of rain.

CROOKWELL, WEDNESDAY.

A change has taken place in the weather to-night. It is cloudy, and threatening rain. Pasture is everywhere abundant. Many farmers have got their wheat sown safely, but the grain is of very fine quality. The crops are fairly good about Gullen. Fruit will be scarce. Potatoes promise a good yield. A large area has been planted since the recent rains.

Interest is being taken in the show which takes place on the 14th and 15th March, on which occasion butter samples will be exhibited in full work. The schedule of prizes will be issued next week.

The majority of people appear to be favourable to the new Ministry. It is considered that a fair selection has been made.

FORBES, WEDNESDAY.

About noon to-day a fire broke out in Rankin-street in some wooden outbuildings at the rear of the buildings occupied by T. A. Crowe, auctioneer, and M. Kelly, butcher. The fire was rung, and the two engines were soon on the spot. When the fire seemed at worst the water gave out, valuable time being lost. Water was again pumped on, and after great exertions the fire was put out. Great credit is due to the firemen and the public generally for the way in which they worked. This is the second instance of water gushing out at a fire through the reservoir not being full. At one time it seemed impossible to save the block, which consists of Vassett's, chemist, Bellinger's jeweller's shop and armoury, and several smaller shops. Great crowds collected and furniture was pitched out into the streets. Fortunately there was no wind at the time of the fire.

GRAFTON, WEDNESDAY.

At a meeting of the committee of the Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural Society to-day, the date of the next annual show was fixed for May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. A motion was carried that Mr. McFarlane, member for the Clarence be requested to draw the attention of the Government to a report emanating from Dr. Kottman with reference to the prevalence of a new disease in the sugar-cane in Java. Mr. McFarlane has been requested to urge upon Ministers the necessity of prohibiting imports of Java as well as other causes, for fear of introducing the disease into the colonial cane fields, which might ruin the industry. Another resolution was passed that a memorial be presented to his Excellency the Governor, praying the establishment of a Department of Agriculture.

Another large swadd, 14ft. in length, was captured recently in the Lower Clarence.

GREENFELD, WEDNESDAY.

The sufferers by the late fire are fast putting up temporary buildings.

The weather has been tropical during the last few days, and the water supply is failing. Stock of all kinds are suffering. One small holder is paying four guineas weekly for water only.

INVERELL, WEDNESDAY.

The constitution of the new Ministry has given very general satisfaction here.

The weather continues disagreeably warm, with no signs of rain. Deplorable accounts are to hand as to the state of the country out west. Mr. H. Edwell, Tooley's traveller, who has just arrived here in an exhausted state, through the excessive heat, says he has been compelled during his tour to purchase at hotels and wine-shops water for his horse, feed and water being scarce everywhere.

LISMORE, WEDNESDAY.

At a magisterial inquiry this morning, on the body of Charles Souter, late of the Harbours and Rivers Department, who died when brought to the Lismore hospital, it was found that deceased died from natural causes, viz., erysipelas, accelerated by exposure to the heat.

The thermometer was 101° in the shade yesterday. The weather is still warm and dry. Rain is wanted.

MOAMA, WEDNESDAY.

The weather is threatening, and the river falling.

MOSS VALE, WEDNESDAY.

A meeting of the local magistrates was held at the courthouse, Moss Vale, this morning, to take into consideration the removal of the lands office from Berriena to Moss Vale. The Bench were unanimously of opinion that additions should at once be made to the courthouse to allow of its being done.

MUDGEE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. John Barry, protectionist, has consented to contest the Mudgee electorate.

MURKINBRAH, WEDNESDAY.

Intelligence has just come to hand that a young man named James Doyle, following the occupation of a tucker in the Cummeragunja mine, met with an accident this morning. It is supposed the cage fell on him and that he was killed. Dr. Smith has gone to the scene of the accident.

TAMWORTH, WEDNESDAY.

The annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute was held last night, a fairly favourable report was presented. The Rev. Killick Piddington was re-elected president; Mr. Stuart treasurer, and Mr. W. Ardill secretary.

The weather continues excessively hot and dry.

The visit of the Railway Commissioners is anticipated with some interest, though we have few grievances.

The exterior of the splendid building of the A. J. S. Bank is almost completed.

WILCANNIA, WEDNESDAY.

There is considerable excitement at the collapse of the Donella,

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ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE will be held on

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GENERAL MEETING, HALL, Pitt-street, at 2 p.m., CHAIRMAN—ALEX. HUTCHISON, Esq., M.P., President.

Ladies and Gentlemen Friends of the movement, and delegates from Temperance Lodges and Societies, particularly invited to attend.

PUBLIC MEETING

TOWN HALL, SYDNEY.

Chair to be taken at 8 p.m., by the Worshipful Mayor of Sydney, Mr. ALFRED COOPER.

The Meeting will be opened by the following gentleman: Hon. Henry Parkes, M.P., G.C.M.G., &c., Hon. Francis Abigail, M.P.; Hon. Jas. Ingall, M.P.; Hon. Edward J. Smith, M.P.; Hon. Wm. H. Morris, M.P.; Hon. F. R. Bayly; Rev. Dr. Green Lane, president of the Wesleyan Conference; Rev. Dr. Rossey, M.A.; Daniel Cassin, Esq., J.P., of Macclesfield, and others.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 P.M. Collected after the meeting.

All interested in the welfare of the country are invited to attend. Ladies specially invited.

ALICE D. H. KNAPP, President.

EDWARD J. H. KNAPP, Hon. Secretary.

NICHOLAS B. DOWNING, General Secretary.

14th January, 1889.

BOROUGH OF ASHFIELD.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF ASHFIELD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. on MONDAY, the 29th day of January at the office of the company, No. 1, Margaret-street, to elect two Directors in the room of Captain Heasman and Edw. Edge, Esq., who retire, but are eligible for re-election; and to transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the articles of association.

Notice of the Board.

J. ROBERTS, Secretary.

The share Register will be CLOSED from the 7th to 22nd instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of the Proprietors of this Company will be held on TUESDAY, the 1st instant, at 10 a.m., in the Room of the General Committee, Exchange, T. M. MORROW, F.R.S., Chairman, to elect two Auditors for the half-year ending 31st December, to receive the Report of the Directors for the present year; and to transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the company's articles of association.

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HOLMES' DISCOVERY GOLD-MINING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, 30th January, at 11.30 a.m., at the office of the Company, 19, Pitt-street, to elect two Directors in the room of Messrs. Holmes and James Johnson, retiring under the articles of association, and to transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the company's articles of association.

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Best sales day at half past one.

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THIS DAY, THURSDAY, January 17, Auction Sale, at Marwood's, Burwood, at 11 a.m., of furniture, &c., under warrant to distrain for rent (unless previously satisfied); as above, on the Premises, Old Hotel, corner of Argyle and George Streets, without the slightest deduction.

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At half-past 10 a.m.—Horses, &c.

Young springers, geldings, &c., &c.

Brought horses, geldings, &c.

At 11 o'clock.—Horses, &c.

Superior dray-horses and geldings, well-bred saddle

Van, bus, and saddle horses.

HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction THIS DAY, Thursday, the 17th instant, at 10 o'clock.

Two superior extra heavy draught geldings.

BUCKINGHAM HALL, Camberwell, and Others.

William Inglis and Son have received instructions from Mr. O. C. KEELEY, Esq., to sell, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, the following:—

Extra heavy draught gelding, Saxon, &c.

5 years old.

Ditto 10-prime ditto, 5 years old.

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STYLISH LIGHT HARNES HORSES.

William Inglis and Son have received instructions from Mr. H. CHALKER, Esq., to sell, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Stylish light horses, very stylish mover in harness, &c., &c.

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William Inglis and Son have received instructions from the owner to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TOMORROW, Friday, at 12 o'clock.

Four-horse omnibus, four BURSES, and Harness.

William Inglis and Son have received instructions from Mr. W. BURNELL, Gundagai, to sell, at the Campbells' Yards, TOMORROW, Friday, January 18th instant.

Full particulars future advertisements.

To RACING MEN, BREEDERS, and OTHERS.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE

THOROUGHBRED HORSES.

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13 prime ditto, harness, suitable for carriage, &c., &c.

Also, on account of Mr. BURNELL, Gundagai.

18 extra medium weight, &c., &c.

10 prime ditto, harness, &c., &c.

CAMPBELL'S YARDS.

MONDAY, 3rd INSTANT.

TO RIVER FERRY HORSES.

William Inglis and Son have received instructions from Messrs. BROWN, Gundagai, to sell, at the Campbells' Yards, ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock.

Four-horse omnibus, &c., &c.

FULL PARTICULARS.

TO THE RIVER FERRY HORSES.

William Inglis and Son have received instructions from Southern Agents to sell, at the Campbells' Yards, ON THURSDAY, 19th instant.

10 prime ditto, harness, &c., &c.

BUCKINGHAM CORPORATION STOCK SALE YARD.

TRADE NOTICE.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, Yards, THIS DAY, Thursday, January 17, at half past 10 o'clock.

22 prime ditto, harness, &c., &c.

15 prime ditto, harness, &c., &c.

10 prime ditto, harness, &c., &c.

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The above are all in full size, with young calves at foot, ready for the driver, and must meet from the best dealers in the Southern Hemisphere.

SUTHERN BUTCHERS, BUTCHERS.

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.

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